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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Takata Airbag Failed to Deploy

Date of Accident - 11/03/08

1996 Honda Accord EX-L

VIN# 1HGCD5664TA [REDACTED]

Two important points: 1) I was wearing my seat belt and 2) the severity of  
the collision was so great that my car was totaled  
(significant front end damage to my vehicle).

On November 3, 2008 I was involved in a motor vehicle accident in the Palm Bay, Florida area.  
The other driver was determined to be at fault and received at least one citation.

My vehicle incurred such extensive front end damage it was totaled, yet the airbag in my  
vehicle DID NOT deploy. As a result, I received numerous injuries that were examined and  
treated at Palm Bay Hospital. My injuries included: head injury (concussion), injuries to both  
knees, the right knee being the most severe that ultimately required reconstructive surgery on  
07/08/16. Further, there were approximately 3 months of physical therapy and the doctor (one  
of the two orthopedic doctors who treated me) prescribed a custom knee brace. Obviously,  
these injuries and subsequent treatments generated significant out of pocket expenses to me.

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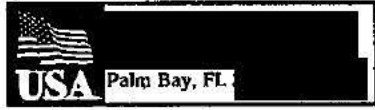
I attempted to file a claim on the Takata website and as a result of this attempt was assigned what appears to be both of the following numbers: 51435 and 53762. Additionally, another number surfaced 17-11375, although I'm not sure of the link or relationship for this number. When contacting them, you receive an automated message with no response. The only "response" I have received is photocopies of several files which appear to be various court files (unsure of their relevancy to my situation). Beyond this information, they offered no comment, further inquiry, or follow up in any manner. My research suggests there are probably two types of cases regarding these airbags: 1) for those that deploy causing serious injuries and 2) those that do not deploy, yet causing serious injuries, which is my situation.

I do have a file containing numerous documents and photographs related to the wreck and my injuries that can be made available for your review.

Therefore, I am reaching out, seeking assistance from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for help regarding the airbag manufacturer's flawed design and/or manufacturing that resulted in numerous injuries to me, as well as their apparent indifference. I look forward to your assistance which will lead to a remedy. Please advise. Thank you.

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Palm Bay, FL [REDACTED]



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